

REMARKS

Pursuant to the present amendment, claims 1, 4, 5, 13 and 14 have been amended and claims 2, 3 and 15-17 have been canceled. Thus, claims 1, 4-14 and 25-34 are pending in the present application. No new matter has been introduced by way of the present amendment. Reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested in view of the amendments and arguments set forth herein.

Claims 25-34 stand allowed.

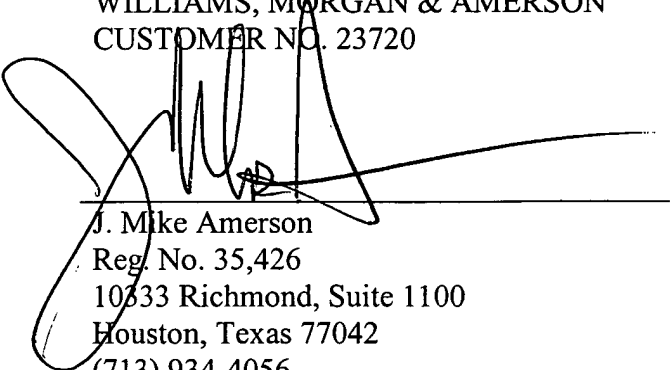
In the Final Office Action, claims 3-5 and 13-14 were indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Final Office Action, p. 6. Pursuant to the present amendment, independent claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations from allowable dependent claim 3. Thus, it is believed that claims 1 and 4-14 are in condition for immediate allowance.

It is respectfully submitted that all pending claims are in condition for immediate allowance. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at (713) 934-4055 with any questions, comments or suggestions relating to the referenced patent application.

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